

What is a Nationwide Permit

Nationwide permits (NWP) are a type of general permit issued by the Corps of Engineers (Corps) on a nationwide basis for activities having minimal impacts. The NWPs are proposed, issued, modified, reissued (extended), and revoked from time to time, after the opportunity for public notice and comment. Proposed NWPs, or modifications to, or reissuance of, existing NWPs will be adopted only after the Corps gives notice and allows the public an opportunity to comment on and request a public hearing regarding the proposals. The Corps will give full consideration to all comments received prior to reaching a final decision. Currently, there are 42 nationwide permits that may be used in Washington State for various types of activities. Listed below is an index of these NWPs:

1. Aids to Navigation
2. Structures in Artificial Canals
3. Maintenance
4. Fish and Wildlife Harvesting, Enhancement, and Attraction Devices and Activities
5. Scientific Measurement Devices
6. Survey Activities
7. Outfall Structures
8. Oil and Gas Structures
9. Structures in Fleeting and Anchorage Areas
10. Mooring Buoys
11. Temporary Recreational Structures
12. Utility Line Activities
13. Bank Stabilization
14. Linear Transportation Crossings
15. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Bridges
16. Return Water from Upland-contained Disposal Areas
17. Hydropower Projects
18. Minor Discharges
19. 25 Cubic Yard Dredging
20. Oil Spill Cleanup
21. Surface Mining Activities
22. Removal of Vessels
23. Approved Categorical Exclusions

24. State Administered Section 404 Programs
25. Structural Discharge
26. **Expired**
27. Stream and Wetlands Restoration Activities
28. Modifications of Existing Marinas
29. Single Family Housing
30. Moist Soil Management for Wildlife
31. Maintenance of Existing Flood Control Projects
32. Completed Enforcement Actions
33. Temporary Construction and Access
34. Cranberry Production Activities
35. Maintenance Dredging of Existing Basins
36. Boat Ramps
37. Emergency Watershed Protection
38. Cleanup of Hazardous and Toxic Waste
39. Residential, Commercial, and Institutional Developments
40. Agricultural Activities
41. Reshaping Existing Drainage Ditches
42. Recreational Facilities
43. Stormwater Management Facilities
44. Mining Activities (**REVOKED**)

An activity may be authorized under a NWP only if that activity and the applicant satisfy all of the NWPs terms and conditions. Your project must meet both the national and regional conditions of the NWPs, including compliance with the Endangered Species Act, and any special conditions added to your permit for your project to be authorized under a NWP. If the Corps finds that the proposed activity would have more than minimal individual or cumulative net adverse impacts on the environment, or may be contrary to the public interest, the applicant shall modify their proposal to reduce or eliminate those adverse effects, or they shall apply for a standard individual permit. Where required by the terms of the NWP, the applicant must notify the Corps with a [Pre-Construction Notification](#) as early as possible. In order for a

NWP to be valid, an individual 401 Water Quality Certification (WQC) and/or Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Consistency Response may also need to be obtained from the [Washington State Department of Ecology](#). On Tribal lands, the WQC may need to be obtained from the Environmental Protection Agency, Puyallup Tribe or Chehalis Tribe. The WQC and/or CZM need to be obtained prior to project construction. To determine if a specific NWP requires a WQC or CZM, refer to the 2002 NWP Special Public Notice. To apply for a NWP, please fill out a [Joint Aquatic Resource Permits Application](#) (JARPA) and submit to the following address:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Seattle District
Regulatory Branch CENWS-OD-RG
Post Office Box 3755
Seattle, WA 98124-3755

Describe your project in detail, show the exact location of the work, and include [drawings](#) so that we can verify that the work is authorized by a nationwide permit.

Point of Contact: Regulatory Reception or
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